

ARPEC RESOLUTION 2014

CONCERNING COMMON CORE EDUCATION STANDARDS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governor's Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) as a method for conforming American students to uniform ("one size fits all") achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace, (1.) and

WHEREAS, the NGA and the CCSSO, **received tens of millions of dollars from private third parties to advocate for and develop the CCSSI strategy, subsequently created the CCSSI through a process that was not subject to any freedom of information acts or other sunshine laws, and never piloted the CCSSI, and**

WHEREAS, even though Federal Law prohibits the federalizing of curriculum (2.), the Obama Administration accepted the CCSSI plan and used 2009 Stimulus Bill money to reward the states that were most committed to the president's CCSSI agenda; but, they failed to give states, their legislatures and their citizens time to evaluate the CCSSI before having to commit to them, and

WHEREAS, the NGA and CCSSO in concert with the same corporations developing the CCSSI 'assessments' have created new textbooks, digital media and other teaching materials aligned to the standards which must be purchased and adopted by local school districts in order that students may effectively compete on CCSSI 'assessments', and

WHEREAS, the CCSSI program includes federally funded testing, writing of curriculum and the collection and sharing of massive amounts of personal student and teacher data, through PARCC and SBAC, and

WHEREAS, the CCSSI effectively removes educational choice and competition since all schools and all districts must use Common Core 'assessments' based on the Common Core standards to allow all students to advance in the school system and to advance to higher education pursuits; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee, as stated in the 2012 Party Platform, "do not believe in a one size fits all approach to education and support providing broad education choices to parents and children at the State and local level," which is best based on a free market approach to education for students to achieve individual excellence; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee recognizes the CCSSI for what it is— an inappropriate overreach to standardize and control the education of our children so they will conform to a preconceived "normal," and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee rejects the collection of personal student data for any non-educational purpose without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's parent and that it rejects the sharing of such personal data, without the prior written consent of an adult student or a child student's parent, with any person or entity other than schools or education agencies within the state, and be it finally

RESOLVED, the 2012 ARPEC Party Platform specifically states the need to limit the scope and size of the federal government when it interferes with State and local control of public schools, (p36) (3.); and therefore, the Ascension Republican Parish Executive Committee rejects this CCSS Initiative which creates and fits the country with a nationwide straitjacket on academic freedom and achievement.